

Moon Jellyfish Acclimation and Care Instructions

Congratulations on purchasing your new pet Moon Jellyfish! Follow this simple guide to help your jellyfish get acclimated to its new home as smoothly as possible.

General Stats

Natural Range	These Jellies originated from Japan
Care Level	Beginner, hardy and resilient
Salinity	1.023 SG is ideal
Temperature	68-77 F, Room temperature
Recommended Aquarium	Orbit 20, Medusa Desktop, Eon Tube
Main Diet	JellyFuel, Baby Brine Shrimp
Optional Diet	Frozen Rotifers, Frozen Mysis Shrimp
Sting	Minimal to none, generally no sting
Life Span	1-4 Years in captivity
Special Requirements	N/A
Compatibility	Best kept with other Moon Jellies

Acclimation

The bag exchange method works well for acclimating new jellyfish. Begin by floating the bag inside your jellyfish tank. You may need to take some water out of your tank so it doesn't overflow. Allow the bag to float for about 10 minutes. After that, slowly pour out a little bit of water from the bag, into the tank. Wait five minutes and then let some tank water flow into the bag, careful not to introduce any bubbles. Continue to rotate between draining and adding water from the bag. After about 30 minutes of acclimation, your jellyfish should be ready. Slowly tilt the bag sideways so the jellyfish is able to swim or flow into the tank. Watch it carefully for a while to ensure the jellyfish is getting used to the tank alright. You may notice the jellyfish floats or sinks for a while. This is usually due to a salinity difference in the jellyfish, and should resolve over the course of 24 hours. A thorough acclimation will limit or prevent this.

Care

Caring for your Moon Jellyfish is fairly simple and straightforward.

Feeding: We recommend you feed your Moon Jellyfish once per day. You may notice your jellyfish growing or even possibly shrinking. Jellyfish are able to change size depending on how much food is available. If you find that your jellyfish are shrinking, try feeding more. If your jellyfish appear to be getting too large, feed less. You can tell your jellyfish is getting a proper nutrition when its four stomachs appear fully loaded with food after feeding time.

Cleaning the tank: Moon Jellyfish do best in a tank with a fairly clean environment. A build up of detritus or algae can be harmful to the jellies. Siphon the tank when there is uneaten food or detritus at the bottom. Once a week, wipe down the insides of the aquarium with a cleaning brush. Thin layers of algae and other growths build up on the sides of the tank.

Water Quality: Moon Jellyfish are forgiving when it comes to water quality. They can tolerate less than perfect water quality, but its best to aim for great water quality to ensure your moon jellies live a long and happy life. Remember that your jellyfish tank should never have ammonia or nitrites once jellyfish are living in it. Those two parameters can be very toxic to jellyfish. Nitrate levels of below 20 are safe, and its best to keep them 0-10. Levels of nitrate past 40 can drastically shorten your jellyfish's life span and cause them to rapidly shrink. It's best to keep your water levels around these parameters.

Ammonia : 0 ppm
Nitrites : 0 ppm
Nitrates : 0-20 ppm
pH : 7.8-8.4

We recommend you perform a 25% water change weekly or bi-weekly. This will help keep your water quality in check and stable.

What do healthy Moon Jellyfish look like?

Healthy Moon Jellies have solid, smooth bells, with lots of fine tentacles at the rim, and four mouth arms at the center. They should pulse rhythmically once every 1-2 seconds. The picture on the left shows an optimal Moon Jellyfish. The bell is thick, showing a well nourished jellyfish. There are hundreds of fine tentacles which are long and smooth. The jellyfish is full of food and eating well. The mouth arms are present, but not overly long. Overall, Moon jellyfish are very balanced and proportional jellyfish. When something goes out of proportion, such as overly long mouth arms, it's a sign something is wrong.



We hope you enjoy your new pet jellyfish! Always feel free to email any questions or concerns.

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